requested that feeding cauls also might be provided for these tanks.

Reply.—The Divisional Officer is paying all attention to the matter. Your representation will be brought to his notice.

265. Extension of the Erattakara caul.

Mr. M. Bhuthalingam Pillai represented that this was one of the subjects brought up last year. If the proposed caul were opened, it would serve all the paddy fields from Thiruvancode to Rajakamangalam and about 5000 kottas of land would be saved from failure of crops.

Reply.—This work has been sanctioned as part of the Kodayar Project but it is not contemplated to carry out the same at present as it must wait its turn.

266. Erection of a satrom at Trivandrum for travellers.

This subject which stood in the name of *Mr. M. Bhuthalingam Pillai* was withdrawn by him.

267. Construction of a road from the Karingal Market via Kuzhikod to Thiruvancode.

Mr. M. Bhuthalingam Pillai represented that Karingal is an important place in the Padmanabhapuram Division containing a useful and much frequented market. It was necessary to open a road for the convenience of the people from this market to Thiruvancode, which is a commercial centre. A trace had already been made but nothing more was done. The member requested that this work might be urgently undertaken.

Reply.—This will be referred to the Chief Engineer.

268. Irregularities of the Settlement Department.

Mr. M. Bhuthalingam Pillai represented that the settlement of Eraniel taluk was more complicated than that of others, owing to the existence of such rights as the Oodukooru. But it had to be observed with regret that in no other taluk was settlement work pushed on with so much hurry as here. The consequence of this was that the local settlement authorities could not help being guilty of innumerable irregularities, omissions and commissions, and it looked as if the whole settlement work of the taluk was in utter confusion and chaos. Out

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of 40,000 rough pattas issued, objection-petitions had to be presented on nearly 20,000 and, of these, as many as 10,000 had to be set right by the Additional Assistants. In consideration of the difficulty, trouble and loss to which the people of the taluk were subjected on this account, the member urged that a commissioner with full powers might be appointed for a period of two months to rectify mistakes and afford all possible relief to the ryots.

Reply.—All representations on this subject should in the first instance be presented at the spot to the officers concerned. When the opportunity for getting mistakes rectified presented itself, it ought to have been availed of by the people. However, the Settlement Peishkar who has been listening to your complaints will try to rectify any specific mistakes or irregularities that may be brought to his notice if the rules of the department will admit of the same.

269. Opening a hospital in the centre of the maritime district between Colachel and Manakkudy.

Mr. Ponnaiah Nadar of Eraniel (Nominated) in whose name this subject stood was absent.

Reply.—This is not necessary. In times of epidemics, a special officer is detailed for duty in the area referred to.

The Assembly dissolved at 5. 15 P. M. to 12 noon on Friday the 11th January 1907.

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